

#### **Enrollment Forms & Rate Information Inside!**

Please keep as a reference throughout the plan year.

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#### LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Public School Employee:

The Employee Benefits Division has the responsibility of providing a health insurance plan to State and Public School Employees. This responsibility carries with it the need to make tough decisions. One such decision has been made for the 2004 plan year.

The State and Public School Health and Life Insurance Board decided to change the health plan for Public School Employees from a fully insured plan to a self-insured plan effective October 1, 2003. This decision was made for the following reasons:

- The public school employee's group is large enough to accept the risk
- Long term savings can be achieved from lower administrative costs and insurance margins
- Greater flexibility over benefit design and premium rates
- Easier administration for the school business officials

This decision is one that the Board has wanted to make for several years; however, this has not been possible until now.

What does this actually mean? It means that instead of you paying a premium to an insurance company, you are paying your premium into a bank account and claims are paid from that account. It means that the risk has shifted from the insurance carriers to the plan. A group your size is adequate to handle this shift.

As you know the pharmacy benefit has been self-funded for several years. This allows us to save on administrative fees and provide the best benefit possible for our members.

Sincerely,

Sharon Dickerson

Executive Director, Employee Benefits Division

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#### ARE THERE ANY PLAN CHANGES FOR THE UPCOMING PLAN YEAR?

YES! And the changes are positive for you!

- The Public School Health Plan will be self-insured effective October 1, 2003. This means your premiums do not go to the insurance company, they go to the Employee Benefits Division for payment of claims. The plan pays the insurance companies an administrative fee for claims administration and the plan provides the money for claims payment. When a plan is self-insured, Arkansas State Law allows the plan sponsor to determine benefits.
- The Pre-Existing Condition Limitation has been removed.
- The travel expense benefit for recipients of organ transplants has been reinstated. This benefit allows up to \$10,000 lifetime maximum for travel and lodging of members who are required to travel outside the normal service area.
- Prescription Drug Benefits and Co-payments Remain the Same: \$10 Generic, \$25 Preferred/Formulary, and \$50 Non-Preferred/Non-Formulary Reminder: as of May 1, 2003, prescriptions ordered through the Pilot Mail Order program are subject to the same co-pay structure as retail prescriptions three (3) co-pays for up to a 102 day supply. Also, you can now receive a three month supply of the same maintenance prescription drugs from your local pharmacy for the same three (3) co-pays.
- Female members of QualChoice plans are no longer required to designate a separate Ob/Gyn specialist as a second Primary Care Physician (PCP). Members can continue to go to an Ob/Gyn directly, without a PCP referral, as long as the Ob/Gyn is in the QualChoice network. This practice has been in place for some time in the Health Advantage network.
- The annual benefit for prosthetics has been increased to \$15,000.
- Effective October 1, 2003, the Employee Benefits Division will be the COBRA plan administer.

NO INSURANCE CARRIER OR PLAN OPTION CHANGES. SEE PAGES 11-14 FOR SUMMARY OF PLAN OPTIONS. FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT PLAN INCLUSIONS, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS ARE CONTAINED IN THE SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION (SPD) WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION.

### Who is EBD?



## State of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration

#### Employee Benefits Division

The mission of the Employee Benefits Division is to manage the group health and life insurance programs and other select benefit programs for active and retired state and public school employees; and to build quality programs that operate in an efficient and effective manner to ensure responsive customer service, promote product education, affordability and accessibility.

#### 2003-2004

#### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION - EMPLOYEE/JOB DUTIES

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**Administration** 

Sharon Dickerson Executive Director
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Liz Holland Retirement Specialist
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Privacy/Security

Bob Sterling Privacy/Security Officer

#### WHO CAN HELP ME?

#### **HEALTH INSURANCE CARRIERS** Arkansas Blue Cross & Blue Shield (PPO Plan) P. O. Box 2181 Little Rock, AR 72203 Toll-Free......(800) 482-8416 Local Office ......(501) 378-2437 E-mail ...... stateemployees@arkbluecross.com Web site address: .......www.arkbluecross.com Health Advantage (HMO and POS plans) P. O. Box 8069 Little Rock, AR 72203 Toll-Free.....(800) 482-8416 Local Office ......(501) 378-2437 E-mail.....stateemployees@arkbluecross.com Web site address: .......www.healthadvantage-hmo.com QualChoice/QCA (HMO and POS plans) 10825 Financial Centre Parkway, Suite 400 Little Rock, AR 72211 Toll-Free......(800) 782-5246 Web site address: www.gcark.com PRESCRIPTION COVERAGE Advance PCS. Inc. 750 West John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 1200 Irving, TX 75039 Customer Service ...... (877) 456-9586 **BASIC LIFE INSURANCE USAble Life** 320 West Capitol, Suite 700 P.O. Box 1650 Little Rock, AR 72203 Toll-Free Life Claims...... (800) 648-0271 If last name starts with A – K, press..... extension 3303

If last name starts with L – Z, press ...... extension 4082

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Website:	<u>www.corphealth.com</u>

Employee Benefits Division will administer COBRA effective October 1, 2003

#### **BENEFIT INFORMATION and ASSISTANCE**

#### **Employee Benefits Division**

P.O. Box 15610

Little Rock, AR 72231-5610

# What are my rights?

The following four pages contain the Notice of Privacy Practices and the Authorization for Release of Health Information Form. These are for your reference and use as needed. It is not necessary to return the Authorization Form to EBD.

#### Notice of Privacy Practices

#### From the State of Arkansas

#### **Department of Finance & Administration**

#### **Employee Benefit Division**

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

#### Introduction

Employee Benefits Division (EBD) is responsible for managing health benefits for the State of Arkansas and the Public School Employees. As a group health plan, EBD is required to secure the privacy of protected health information. The Notice of Privacy Practices describes the types of information, its uses and disclosures and your rights regarding that information.

"Protected health information," (PHI) means information that is individually identifiable and is protected by privacy regulations. For example, information regarding the health care treatment, payment or operations that can identify you or your dependents. This information is obtained from enrollment forms for health care coverage, surveys, healthcare claims, specialist referrals, your medical records and other sources. You might provide protected health information by telephone, fax, letter or e-mail. Other sources of protected health information include but are not limited to, healthcare providers, such as insurance administrators, network providers, claims processors (hereafter referred to as business partners or affiliates). When used with health related information, any of the following would be considered protected health information:

Sex

- Marital status
- Name, address, and date of birth
- Information regarding dependents
- Social Security Number
- Other similar information that relates to past, present or future medical care

#### Disclosures of protected health information not requiring authorization

The law allows the use and disclosure of protected health information without the authorization of the individual for the purpose of treatment, payment, and/or health care operations, which includes, but is not limited to:

- Treatment of a health condition
- Business planning and development
- Coordination of benefits
- Enrollment into the group health plan
- Eligibility for coverage issues
- Complaint review
- Regulatory review and legal compliance
- Payment for treatment
- Claims administration
- Insurance underwriting
- Premium billing
- Payment of claims
- Appeals review

Uses and disclosures for treatment: Your protected health information will be obtained from or disclosed to health care providers involved in your, or your dependents treatment.

Uses and disclosures for payment: Your protected health information will be obtained from and disclosed to individuals involved in your treatment for purposes of payment. Your protected health information may be shared with persons involved in utilization review, or other claims processing.

Uses and disclosures for health care operations: Your protected health information will be used and disclosed for plan operations including but not limited to underwriting, premium rating, auditing, and business planning. In order to ensure the privacy of your protected health information, EBD has developed privacy policies and procedures. During the normal course of business, EBD may share this information with its business partners or affiliates that have signed a contract specifying their compliance with EBD's privacy policies.

#### Disclosures of personal health information requiring authorization

In all situations, other than outlined above, EBD will ask for your authorization to use or disclose your protected health information. EBD will use or disclose information in these circumstances pursuant to the specific purpose contained in your authorization.

- Usually, only the person to whom the protected health information pertains may make authorization.
- In some circumstances, authorization may be obtained from a person representing your interests (such as in the case where you may be incapacitated and unable to make an informed authorization) or in emergency situations where authorization would be impractical to obtain.
- Any 3<sup>rd</sup> party acting as your advocate (for example, a family member, your employer or your elected official) would require an authorization

#### **Forms**

Forms may be obtained from EBD, Forms are:

• Authorization for Release of Information • Revoking Authorization for Release of Information

#### **Your Rights**

- You have the right to review and copy your protected health information maintained by EBD. If you require a copy of PHI the first request will be provided to you at no cost. A reasonable fee will be charged for shipping additional or subsequent copies.
- You can request a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices by EBD.
- You have the right to request an accounting, or list, of non-routine disclosures of your protected health information by EBD as of the compliance date. This request must be made in writing.
- You have the right to request a restriction on the protected health information that may be used and/ or disclosed. You have the right to request that communications regarding your protected health information from EBD be made at a certain time or location. This request must be in writing and EBD reserves the right to refuse the restriction.
- You have the right to receive confidential communication of PHI at alternate locations and by alternate means.

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you have the right to register a complaint with EBD's Privacy Officer:

EBD Privacy Officer P.O. Box 15610 Little Rock, AR 72231 (501) 682-9656

Or you can send your complaint to the Secretary of Health and Human Services:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 (202) 619-0257

Toll Free: 1-877-696-6775

To e-mail the HHS Secretary or other Department officials, send your message to: HHS.Mail@hhs.gov.

Under the HIPAA regulations and guidelines, there can be no retaliation for filing a complaint.

#### **Changes to Privacy Practices**

If EBD changes its privacy policies and procedures, an updated Notice of Privacy Practices will be provided to you. Additional information, additional examples and up-to-date privacy notices are maintained on the EBD website at <a href="http://www.accessarkansas.org/dfa/ebd">http://www.accessarkansas.org/dfa/ebd</a>.

This notice became effective on April 14, 2003.

Form-f-2000



**EBD** 

Employee Benefits Division Post Office Box 15610 Little Rock, AR 72231-5610

Phone: (501) 682-9656 Toll Free: (877) 815-1017 Fax: (501) 682-1168 http://www.state.ar.us/dfa/ebd

#### **Authorization for Release of Health Information**

Health Plan Participant:	
Home Address:	
School / Agency:  I authorize the use or disclosure of the above-named individual's hea	
The following individuals or organizations are authoriz (School Business Official, Agency Repres	
The type and amount of information to be used or disclose (check off appropriate item(s), and include other information	
□ Problem List □ Medication List □ List of allergies □ Immunization Record □ Most recent history and physical □ Most recent discharge summary □ Consultation reports from (please supply doctor's name □ Laboratory results from (date) to □ Entire record from (date) to □ Other; please describe:	(date)
This information may be disclosed to, and used by organizations: (providers, spouse, friends, etc.)	
Address: Address:	

See reverse side.

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Address:	Address:	
By my signature belo	ow, I authorize disclosures to	and by EBD.
This information is being disclose	ed for the following purpose:	
I understand that I have the right that in order to revoke this author revocation to the EBD Privacy Construction will not apply to inform authorization. I understand that when the law provides my insured	orization, I must do so in writing Officer (on the header address nation that has already been relethe revocation will not apply to	g and present my written b.) I understand that the eased in response to this o my insurance company
Unless otherwise revoked, this authorized	orization will expire on the following	ng date, event or condition:
If I fail to specify an expiration of in twelve (12) months from the		authorization will expire
I understand that once the inform be redisclosed by the recipient ar regulations.	•	
I understand that I need not sign ment enrollment in my health plan		alth care treatment, pay-
Signature of Health Care Participa	ant or Legal Representative	Date
If signed by legal representative, print re	elationship to health care participant	
Signature of Witness		Date
I understand that the information	n in my health record may inc	lude information relating

Name:

Name:

alcohol and drug abuse.

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to sexually transmitted disease, behavioral or mental health services and treatment for

# What Are My Plan Choices?

#### WHAT ARE MY PLAN CHOICES?

Please refer to the Summary Plan Descriptions, available from EBD, for more details. Also see maps in this section indicating in-network hospitals for each provider. Please refer to carrier websites or customer service centers for the most current provider information.

#### Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) offered by

- \* QualChoice of Arkansas
- \* Health Advantage

Benefits are the same no matter which carrier is selected.

Participants must select an in-network Primary Care Physician (PCP) to oversee all care.

Out of network physician visits or services are not covered.

No deductibles to meet.

\$25 co pay for PCP visit

\$35 co pay for in-network Specialist visit

\$100 co pay for outpatient treatment or surgery with 20% co-insurance for lab work

Out of pocket maximums are \$1,500 per person or \$3,000 per family not including co pays. Some services such as lab work, home health visits, therapy sessions, etc. carry a 20% co-insurance. The out of pocket maximum is reached by the sum of those co-insurance amounts within the plan year. When the out of pocket maximum is reached, no further co-insurance amounts will be required that year. Co-pays will still be charged.

#### OR

#### Point of Service (POS) plan offered by

- \* QualChoice of Arkansas
- \* Health Advantage

Benefits are the same no matter which carrier is selected.

POS plan has the same benefit structure as HMO plan when in-network and PCP services are rendered (same co pay and out of pocket maximums listed in HMO description above).

Unlike the HMO plan, the POS plan allows out of network physician visits and hospital visits. Those services are subject to deductibles and 40% co-insurance similar to the PPO plan (described in the PPO section below).

\* Out of pocket limits are: In-network \$1,500 per person and \$3,000 per family; Out-of-network \$5,000 per person and \$10,000 per family.

#### OR

## Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) offered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arkansas

The PPO plan offers the greatest number of in-network physicians and hospitals but deductibles do apply before any benefits are paid:

\$500 individual deductible, \$1,000 per family -IN NETWORK \$1,500 individual deductible, \$3,000 per family -OUT OF NETWORK

OUT OF POCKET LIMIT after deductible and co pays are: In-network, \$3,000 per person and \$6,000 per family Out-of-network, \$8,000 per person and \$16,000 per family

The majority of in-network services are covered at 80% by plan, 20% by member after deductible and co pays. Majority of out-of-network services are paid at 60% of health plan's maximum allowable, not 60% of billed charges. If provider does not accept maximum allowable, the member is responsible for the difference plus the remaining 40%.

#### What does each plan cover?

#### Summary of Most Frequently Used Services Pay Structure

Important Note: The only out-of-network services covered under the pure HMO plans are emergency services and insurance company authorized referrals. The Point of Service (POS) out-of-network reimbursement of the health plan to the provider is 60% of the health plan's approved charges, not of the provider or facility's billed charges. For a more detailed explanation of what each plan covers and what is excluded, please refer to that plan's Summary Plan Description booklet, available from EBD.

	PPO PLAN		HMO & POS PLAN		
PLAN			HMO & POS	POS	
HIGHLIGHT	IN	OUT-OF	IN	OUT-OF	
2003-2004	NETWORK	NETWORK	NETWORK	NETWORK**	
Deductible	\$500	\$1,500	\$0	\$500	
(First dollar	per person	per person		per person	
out-of-pocket	\$1,000***	\$3,000***	\$0	\$1,000***	
per plan year)	per family	per family		per family	
Coinsurance/	20%	40%	Per office	40%	
Copayment	after	after	visit:	after	
	deductible	deductible	\$25	deductible	
			PCP	of maximum	
			\$35	allowable	
			Specialist	amount	
Out-of-Pocket	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$1,500	\$5,000	
Limit (after	per person	per person	per person	per person	
deductible/	\$6,000***	\$16,000***	\$3,000***	\$10,000***	
copays)	per family	per family	per family	per family	
Physician	20%	40%	Per office	40%	
Services	coinsurance	coinsurance	visit:	coinsurance	
				of maximum	
PCP			\$25	allowable	
			amount		
Specialist			\$35		
Inpatient	20%	40%	20%	40%	
Physician	coinsurance	coinsurance	coinsurance	coinsurance	
Services					
Outpatient	20%	40%	20%	40%	
Physician	coinsurance	coinsurance	coinsurance	coinsurance	
Services					
Outpatient	20%	40%	20%	40%	
Services	coinsurance	coinsurance	coinsurance	coinsurance	
			after \$100	of maximum	
			copay for	allowable	
			Outpatient	amount	
			Surgical		
D: .:	200/	400/	facility	4007	
Diagnostic	20%	40%	. 20%	40%	
Testing	coinsurance	coinsurance	coinsurance	coinsurance	
(Lab and X-ray)	1				

#### **PPO PLAN**

#### **HMO & POS PLAN**

PLAN HIGHLIGHT 2003-2004	IN NETWORK	OUT-OF NETWORK	HMO & POS IN NETWORK	POS OUT-OF NETWORK**
Ambulance \$1,000 annual limit	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance
Inpatient Hospital	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$500 copay plus 20% coinsurance per admission with maximum 3 copays per member per year	40% coinsurance of maximum allowable amount
Preventive Care	Not covered except well-baby and GYN visits 20% coinsurance	Not covered except well-baby and GYN visits 40% coinsurance	Covered \$25 PCP \$35 Specialist visits 40% coinsurance	Not covered except well-baby and GYN
Mental Health / Substance Care/Physician Inpatient & Outpatient	Covered only through CORPHEALTH Behavioral Health Program	Covered only \$625 copay + 45% coinsurance	Covered through CORPHEALTH Behavioral Health Program  and Behavioral Health section for more details)	Covered \$35 copay + 25% coinsurance per visit
Routine Dental	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered
Home Health Nursing Visits 120 annual visits	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance
Home Infusion IV drugs and Solutions	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance
Routine Vision	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered

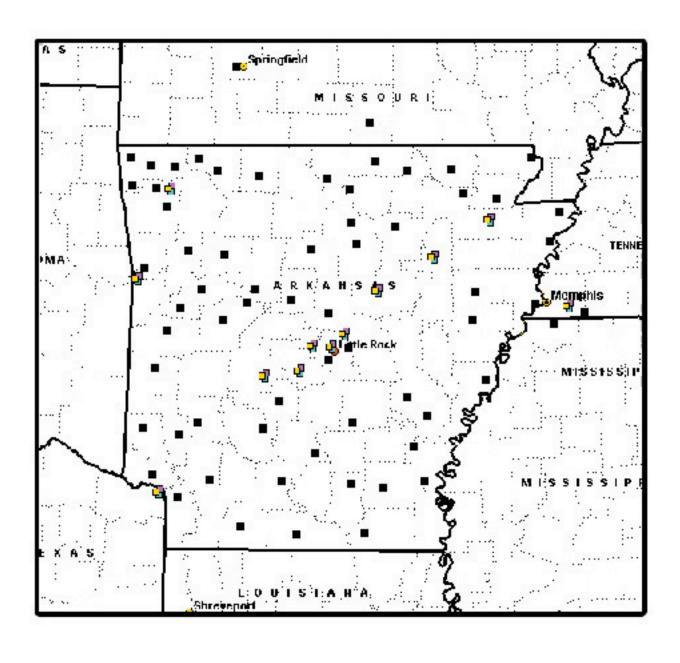
#### PPO PLAN HMO & POS PLAN

PLAN HIGHLIGHT 2003-2004  Emergency Care	IN NETWORK  20% coinsurance	OUT-OF NETWORK 20% coinsurance	HMO & POS IN NETWORK  \$100 copay + 20% coinsurance, copay waived if admitted to same	POS OUT-OF NETWORK**  \$100 copay + 20% coinsurance, copay waived if admitted to same
Transplants	Must be approved by plan, then 20% coinsurance	Must be approved by plan, then 40% coinsurance	hospital  Must be approved by plan, then \$500 copay + 20% coinsurance lging allowance up to \$10,000 outside service area.	Not covered
Durable Medical Equipment Annual Maximum \$10,000	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance
DME Repairs	Must be approved by plan	Must be approved by plan	Must be approved by plan	Must be approved by plan
Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy, Chiropractic Services and Cardiac Rehabilitation	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance (Limited to 60 combined visits per member per year)	40% coinsurance
Allergies	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	20% coinsurance for injections \$25 copay PCP \$35 copay specialist	40% coinsurance

	PPO PLAN			HMO & POS	PLAN
PLAN HIGHLIGHT 2003-2004	IN NETWORK	OUT-OF NETWORK		HMO & POS IN NETWORK	POS OUT-OF NETWORK**
Maternity Benefits	Physician 20% coinsurance	Physician 40% coinsurance		Physician 20% coinsurance, copay for initial office visit	Physician 40% coinsurance
	Hospital 20% coinsurance	Hospital 40% coinsurance		Hospital \$500 copay per admission plus 20% coinsurance; subject to the inpatient yearly maximums	Hospital 40% coinsurance
Maximum Benefits	No Maximum	\$1,000,000		No Maximum	\$1,000,000
Ostomy Supplies	10% coinsurance	40% coinsurance		10% coinsurance	40% coinsurance
Prosthetic	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance	\$15,000 annual limit	20% coinsurance	40% coinsurance

\*\*Out-of-network benefits apply when you do not visit your PCP or follow the plan's referral procedures when visiting a specialist or hospital.

#### Blue Cross and Blue Shield PPO Hospital Network

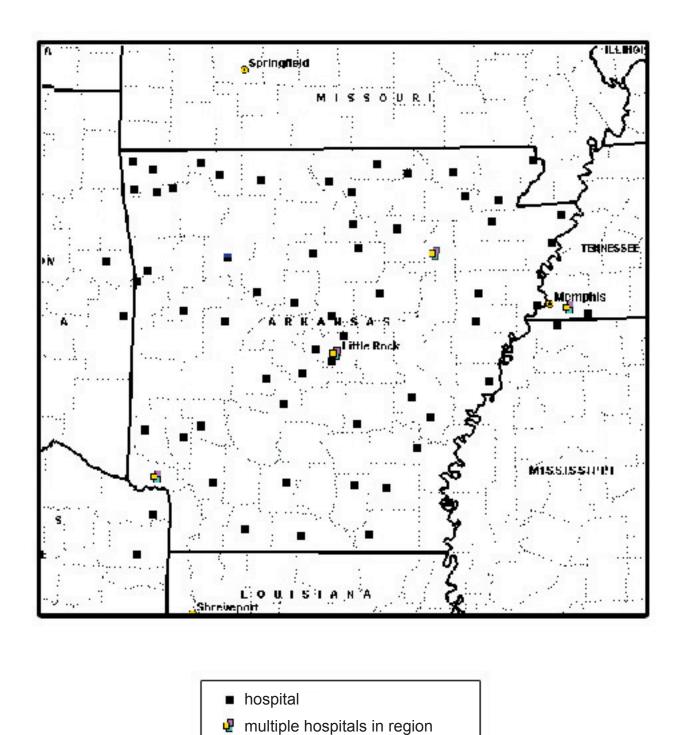


hospital

multiple hospitals in region

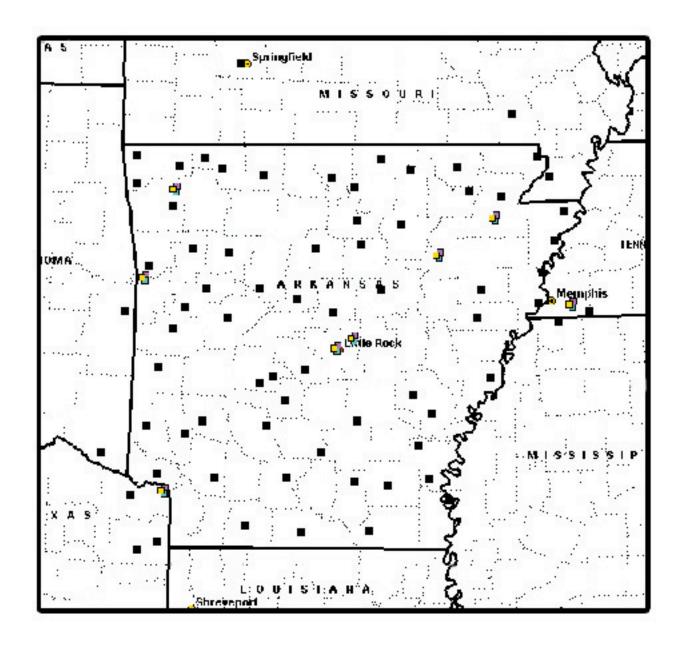
Please refer to the provider website or call their customer service line for the most up-to-date hospital and provider information.

#### QualChoice HMO & POS Hospital Network



Please refer to the provider website or call their customer service line for the most up-to-date hospital and provider information.

## Health Advantage HMO & POS Hospital Network



- hospital
- multiple hospitals in region

Please refer to the provider website or call their customer service line for the most up-to-date hospital and provider information.

#### Prescription Drug Program

Your prescription drug program is a stand-alone, self-insured plan, which is included with your group health insurance plan and administered by AdvancePCS. Benefits apply equally to all enrollees regardless of the health care plan you choose. New plan enrollees will automatically receive a prescription drug card that offers important savings on your prescribed medication.

The copays for up to a 34-day supply of medicine, the copayment structure is:

- •\$10 for generic drugs
- •\$25 for "formulary" brand-name drugs
- •\$50 for "non-formulary" brand-name drugs

#### 4th Tier Benefit

In addition to the Generic, Preferred Brand/Formulary, and Non-Formulary categories, Forth Tier medications are now available at the plan's discounted rate. Examples of Fourth Tier medications are weight loss medication, smoking cessation medication and treatments for hair loss. These types of prescriptions are typically not covered under traditional prescription plans. Our plan will not pay any portion of the prescription, but you will be able to purchase the medication at the same discount the plan pays to pharmacies in our network. You will be responsible for the entire cost of the drug at the discounted rate; you cannot get these prescriptions by paying a copay. Purchases must be made at in-network pharmacy using your Advance PCS ID card.

#### Selecting a Pharmacy

There are thousands of participating pharmacies nation-wide and most of your local Arkansas pharmacies will honor your AdvancePCS prescription drug card. For more information about participating pharmacies, including pharmacies in other states, contact AdvancePCS Customer Service at 1-877-456-9586.

Should you find it necessary to fill prescriptions at a non-participating pharmacy, please use the following procedure:

- •You must pay the entire cost of the prescription at the point of sale because the pharmacy does not recognize our copay structure.
- •A paper claim must be completed and submitted to Advance PCS along with receipt from the purchase. That claim form can be obtained at the AdvancePCS website, http://ar.advancerx.com.
- •AdvancePCS will reimburse you the difference between the contracted drug cost and the regular copay for that prescription (\$10, \$25, or \$50). NOTE: The contracted price and the retail price are usually different; you will be responsible for that difference. They will also deduct \$1.25 for processing.
- •You will save money if you use a participating pharmacy whenever possible. A complete list is available at <a href="http://ar.advancerx.com">http://ar.advancerx.com</a> or by calling AdvancePCS customer service at 1-877-456-9586.

#### Pilot Mail Order Pharmacy Program

A mail service prescription benefit is available. Most long-term medications are available through the mail order provider, AdvanceRX.com, including ostomy supplies, insulin and other diabetic supplies. Medications will be filled with a 90 day supply for the cost of 3 standard retail copays. For more information about the mail service benefit or for a complete list of excluded drugs, please call AdvancePCS at 1-877-456-9586 or visit their website,

http://ar.advancerx.com.

#### Managing The Prescription Drug Program

Your prescription drug program is designed to provide the greatest benefit to the entire group of state and public school employees. This program requires: Prior Authorization (PA) of some medications, Quantity vs. Time (QVT) restrictions that are intended to clarify the usual quantity that constitutes a 34-day supply for particular medications, and Daily Dose Edits in order to eliminate inappropriate utilizations of medications intended for one daily use. The Formulary (Preferred Drug List) is a dynamic entity that will change at least every three (3) months. As new drugs become available they may be added to the formulary and other drugs may be removed from the formulary as generic drugs become available. Drugs may also be removed from the formulary and replaced by other drugs deemed to be more appropriate for our membership. For more information contact AdvancePCS toll-free at 1-877-456-9586.

#### Generic Drugs

The generic name of a drug is its chemical name. The brand name is the trade name under which the drug is advertised and sold. By law, generic and brand name drugs must meet the same standards for safety, purity, strength and effectiveness.

When you and your doctor authorize generic substitution, it permits the pharmacy to dispense a generic drug. This saves you and your pharmacy program money. Whenever possible, ask your doctor to prescribe generic drugs.

#### Other Benefits Your

#### Prescription Drug Program Provides

Your prescription drug program offers other benefits for its members such as:

- Patient Support Program
- •Disease State Management and its participating pharmacists
- "Specialty Rx" program to supply injectable medication and supplies (call 1-866-295-2779 for more information and to see if you or a family member qualifies).

## Diabetic supplies are available without a co-pay at your local pharmacy if diabetic medicine is purchased at the same time.

#### AdvancePCS Web Site

A custom AdvancePCS website is available for our members. The address is <a href="www.ar.advancerx.com">www.ar.advancerx.com</a>. The web site offers many features including interactive formulary listing, formulary updates, national pharmacy locator and other member-oriented features. Members can also obtain information on the mail order pharmacy program at this site.

#### Life Insurance Benefits

Active Public School employees who participate in any of the health plans sponsored by the State and Public School Employee Life and Health Insurance Board will be automatically enrolled in \$5,000 of Basic Group Term Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) coverage with USAble Life.

In addition to the Basic Group Term Life and AD&D, you are eligible to participate in USAble's Supplemental Life and AD&D program. This program allows you to obtain up to \$70,000 in Supplemental Life benefits. (Benefit amounts are based on your annual salary). Also you may elect \$2,500 of coverage on each of your eligible dependents.

To determine the amount of Supplemental Life for which you qualify, or for more details regarding your Group Term Life insurance, contact your district's business office.

#### **ENROLLMENT**

New employees will have 30 days from their hire date to enroll in the Supplemental Life program without evidence of insurability. If you are currently insured by the Public School Employee group health plan, but have not elected the Supplemental Life, you may apply by providing evidence of insurability. Please contact your district office to obtain a Supplemental Life application.

#### Mental and Behavioral Health Benefits

CORPHEALTH coordinates ALL behavioral health care for Arkansas Public School Health Care enrollees. Your benefit program and network of mental healthcare providers are completely separate from your medical, no matter which medical plan you select. Mental Health and Substance Abuse and an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), named the StarEAP, are included in the Behavioral Health Care Benefit.

You must access your behavioral health care benefit by calling the Arkansas Helpline and a CORPHEALTH network provider must deliver your care.

The benefits include the StarEAP and a completely redesigned mental health and chemical dependency benefit. <u>You do not have to obtain a referral from your Primary Care Physician to seek help from the StarEAP Employee Assistance Program or to access your mental health or substance abuse benefits.</u> All contact with Corphealth is strictly confidential.

Access is easy. Simply call the Arkansas Help Line toll-free at 1-866-378-1645 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

- •You'll have immediate access to a professional to help you assess your needs, sort through your options, and find effective resources.
- •Telephonic and/or face-to-face sessions with one of the EAP affiliate counselors.
- •Pre-certification for mental health and substance abuse treatment.
- •Individualized referrals to resources in your community.

The StarEAP program provides you with short-term assessment and counseling with no copay for you or your covered dependents. The StarEAP provides immediate access to a clinical assessment and outpatient EAP treatment of up to eight (8) sessions, and/or referral to a behavioral health (mental health or chemical dependency) specialist that is covered under the plan at the benefit schedule summarized on the next page:

The StarEAP benefits include a complete range of services such as:

#### **Emotional Well-Being**

- Personal relationships
- ·Marriage and family issues
- Divorce and separation
- Coping with violence
- •Grief and loss

#### Addiction and Recovery Assessments & Referrals to Specialists

- Alcohol and drugs
- Gambling
- Other addictions
- Support groups
- Eating disorders

#### **Parenting**

- Single parenting and blended families
- Discipline, setting limits and safety
- Child development

#### Work

- •Work and personnel issues
- •Adjusting to change in the workplace
- Stress management

#### **Financial**

- Budgeting
- Managing credit and collections problems

#### Legal

•Referral to community resources

#### **Key Things to Remember:**

- •Always access the benefit by first calling the Arkansas Help Line, 1-866-378-1645.
- •All services require pre-authorization.

•Information about providers and benefits is available at www.corphealth.com. There will be no benefit for non-CORPHEALTH network providers where the care is not directed by CORPHEALTH, Inc. or is not an emergency.

•Always obtain a referral authorization from your CORPHEALTH case manager by calling the Arkansas Help Line at 1-866-378-1645.

Benefit <u>Description</u>	In-Network	Out-of-Network
I. Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Star EAP Telephonic Consultation and Face-to-Face Short Term/Brief Issue Resolution Counseling	Up to eight (8) EAP sessions per episode with no copayment.  Must call Arkansas Help Line at 1-866-378-1645.	Not covered
II. Initial Behavioral Health Benefit	Must call Arkansas Help Line at 1-866-378-1645.	Not covered
Deductible:	\$0 Individual \$0 Family	\$0 Individual \$0 Family
Copayment for Traditional Out- Patient Services	\$35 copay/ office visit	\$35 copay + 25% coinsurance
Out-of-Pocket Maximum (After copays and deductibles)	\$1,500 Individual \$3,000 Family	\$1875 Individual \$3750 Family
Out-Patient Services (Partial hospital /	\$100 Copay + 20% coinsurance	\$125 copay first visits + 45% coinsurance
Out-Patient Services (Intensive Outpatient)	\$100 Copay + 20% coinsurance	\$125 copay + 45% coinsurance
Residential Treatment	20% Coinsurance	45% coinsurance
In-Patient Services	\$500 Copay 20% coinsurance per admission	+\$625 copay + 45% coinsurance/admit

All mental health or substance abuse services must be preauthorized by CORPHEALTH prior to receiving care. All mental health and substance abuse claims for care rendered must be submitted to:

Claims Department CORPHEALTH, Inc. 1701 Centerview Dr., Suite 101 Little Rock, AR 72211

<u>Visit the CORPHEALTH web site at www.corphealth.com</u> / Members. State of Arkansas Plan Members can access custom plan information by logging in with the user name "STAREAP" and password, "STAREAP" from this page.

#### Inpatient

For all enrollees receiving inpatient care in an acute, partial hospitalization, residential treatment or intensive outpatient program level of care, the current Health Plan is responsible for managing the care and processing the claim until the enrollee has been discharged from that level of care. You must call CORPHEALTH at 1-866-378-1645 to pre-certify any care that may be necessary after you are discharged from any of the above-mentioned treatment levels.

Please contact the Arkansas Help Line toll-free at 1-866-378-1645 (7 days a week, 24 hours a day) if you have additional questions.

Frequently Asked Questions about Corphealth and StarEAP

#### What is the difference between the StarEAP and Managed Care benefit?

StarEAP is designed to help you resolve short term problems related to work, relationships, parenting, finances, school, elder care, etc. And does not require a referral from your primary care physician.

Managed Care is designed to address medically diagnosed mental health problems which require treatment for a period of 3 months or more. Treatment can include medication, psychiatric/psychological evaluation, individual, group or family therapy. You receive unlimited sessions, as long as they are medically necessary. There is a co-pay.

#### Do I have a choice of providers?

Yes. There are licensed clinicians (master's level, doctorate level and MDs) throughout the state and you can go to any provider in the Corphealth network, statewide. You can call Corphealth directly or go to their website www.corphealth.com for a current list of providers.

Note: If you require medical care for a mental health problem you must use a hospital in your medical plan's network.

#### Is my family eligible for mental health benefits?

School employees are eligible for StarEAP benefits if enrolled. Family members can participate in couple or family sessions with the employee. Enrollees in the health plan and their enrolled dependents are eligible for managed care benefits.

#### Will my employer know if I use StarEAP?

Your use of the EAP benefit is strictly confidential. In order for information about your participation in the EAP to be released to anyone, you must sign an authorization to release information. Employers can refer you to the EAP if they feel it can be of help to you, if they are concerned about your work performance or if you have a drug free work policy and test positive for a drug screen. Employer referrals to the EAP may require your participation in the EAP, but again, you must sign a release in order for your information to be shared with your employer.

# How much will this cost me?

#### Public School Employees - Active Effective October 1, 2003

	<b>Total Billed</b>	School	<b>Total Monthly</b>
	<u>Amount</u>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>Employee Cost</b>
Employee Only			
BCBS PPO	\$283.66	(\$122.00)	\$161.66
QualChoice POS	\$268.34	(\$122.00)	\$146.34
Health Advantage POS	\$264.72	(\$122.00)	\$142.72
Health Advantage HMO	\$256.86	(\$122.00)	\$134.86
QualChoice HMO	\$253.64	(\$122.00)	\$131.64
Employee & Spouse			
BCBS PPO	\$747.26	(\$122.00)	\$625.26
QualChoice POS	\$704.40	(\$122.00)	\$582.40
Health Advantage POS	\$694.34	(\$122.00)	\$572.34
Health Advantage HMO	\$672.42	(\$122.00)	\$550.42
QualChoice HMO	\$663.44	(\$122.00)	\$541.44
Employee & Child(ren)			
BCBS PPO	\$491.52	(\$122.00)	\$369.52
QualChoice POS	\$463.90	(\$122.00)	\$341.90
Health Advantage POS	\$457.38	(\$122.00)	\$335.38
Health Advantage HMO	\$443.26	(\$122.00)	\$321.26
QualChoice HMO	\$437.44	(\$122.00)	\$315.44
Employee & Family			
BCBS PPO	\$755.48	(\$122.00)	\$633.48
QualChoice POS	\$712.50	(\$122.00)	\$590.50
Health Advantage POS	\$702.38	(\$122.00)	\$580.38
Health Advantage HMO	\$680.40	(\$122.00)	\$558.40
QualChoice HMO	\$671.38	(\$122.00)	\$549.38

#### Public School Retirees - Not Medicare Primary Effective October 1, 2003

#### Retirees or Spouses eligible for Medicare must have both Part A and Part B.

	Total Monthly	School	Total Monthly
	<u>Premium</u>	Contribution	Employee Cost
Employee Only			
BCBS PPO	\$503.13	(\$82.75)	\$420.38
QualChoice POS	\$465.96	(\$82.75)	\$383.21
Health Advantage POS	\$456.63	(\$82.75)	\$373.88
Health Advantage HMO	\$445.62	(\$82.75)	\$362.87
QualChoice HMO	\$438.93	(\$82.75)	\$356.18
Employee & Spouse			
BCBS PPO	\$950.64	(\$82.75)	\$867.89
QualChoice POS	\$880.09	(\$82.75)	\$797.34
Health Advantage POS	\$862.39	(\$82.75)	\$779.64
Health Advantage HMO	\$841.50	(\$82.75)	\$758.75
QualChoice HMO	\$828.80	(\$82.75)	\$746.05
Employee & Child(ren)			
BCBS PPO	\$712.31	(\$82.75)	\$629.56
QualChoice POS	\$659.38	(\$82.75)	\$576.63
Health Advantage POS	\$646.10	(\$82.75)	\$563.35
Health Advantage HMO	\$630.42	(\$82.75)	\$547.67
QualChoice HMO	\$620.89	(\$82.75)	\$538.14
Employee & Family			
BCBS PPO	\$974.97	(\$82.75)	\$892.22
QualChoice POS	\$902.49	(\$82.75)	\$819.74
Health Advantage POS	\$884.30	(\$82.75)	\$801.55
Health Advantage HMO	\$862.84	(\$82.75)	\$780.09
QualChoice HMO	\$849.79	(\$82.75)	\$767.04
Employee & Medicare Spouse			
BCBS PPO	\$870.58	(\$82.75)	\$787.83
QualChoice POS	\$807.39	(\$82.75)	\$724.64
Health Advantage POS	\$791.54	(\$82.75)	\$708.79
Health Advantage HMO	\$772.83	(\$82.75)	\$690.08
QualChoice HMO	\$761.45	(\$82.75)	\$678.70
Employee & Medicare Spouse & Child(ren)		,	
BCBS PPO	\$888.95	(\$82.75)	\$806.20
QualChoice POS	\$824.38	(\$82.75)	\$741.63
Health Advantage POS	\$808.18	(\$82.75)	\$725.43
Health Advantage HMO	\$789.06	(\$82.75)	\$706.31
QualChoice HMO	\$777.43	(\$82.75)	\$694.68

#### Public School Retirees - Medicare Primary Effective October 1, 2003

#### Retirees or Spouses eligible for Medicare must have both Part A and Part B.

	Total Monthly	School	Total Monthly
	<u>Premium</u>	Contribution	<b>Employee Cost</b>
Employee Medicare Only			
BCBS PPO	\$426.35	(\$82.75)	\$343.60
QualChoice POS	\$396.24	(\$82.75)	\$313.49
Health Advantage POS	\$388.69	(\$82.75)	\$305.94
Health Advantage HMO	\$379.77	(\$82.75)	\$297.02
QualChoice HMO	\$374.35	(\$82.75)	\$291.60
Employee Medicare & Spouse			
BCBS PPO	\$870.58	(\$82.75)	\$787.83
QualChoice POS	\$807.39	(\$82.75)	\$724.64
Health Advantage POS	\$791.54	(\$82.75)	\$708.79
Health Advantage HMO	\$772.83	(\$82.75)	\$690.08
QualChoice HMO	\$761.45	(\$82.75)	\$678.70
Employee Medicare & Child(ren)			
BCBS PPO	\$617.32	(\$82.75)	\$534.57
QualChoice POS	\$573.13	(\$82.75)	\$490.38
Health Advantage POS	\$562.04	(\$82.75)	\$479.29
Health Advantage HMO	\$548.95	(\$82.75)	\$466.20
QualChoice HMO	\$541.00	(\$82.75)	\$458.25
Employee Medicare & Spouse & Child(ren)			
BCBS PPO	\$888.95	(\$82.75)	\$806.20
QualChoice POS	\$824.38	(\$82.75)	\$741.63
Health Advantage POS	\$808.18	(\$82.75)	\$725.43
Health Advantage HMO	\$789.06	(\$82.75)	\$706.31
QualChoice HMO	\$777.43	(\$82.75)	\$694.68
Employee Medicare & Spouse Medicare			
BCBS PPO	\$821.41	(\$82.75)	\$738.66
QualChoice POS	\$762.75	(\$82.75)	\$680.00
Health Advantage POS	\$748.03	(\$82.75)	\$665.28
Health Advantage HMO	\$730.66	(\$82.75)	\$647.91
QualChoice HMO	\$720.10	(\$82.75)	\$637.35
Employee Medicare & Spouse Medicare & Child(ren)			
BCBS PPO	\$841.81	(\$82.75)	\$759.06
QualChoice POS	\$781.57	(\$82.75)	\$698.82
Health Advantage POS	\$766.46	(\$82.75)	\$683.71
Health Advantage HMO	\$748.62	(\$82.75)	\$665.87
QualChoice HMO 30	\$737.78	(\$82.75)	\$655.03

#### Public School Employees- COBRA Effective October 1, 2003

	Health Care	COBRA	<b>Total Monthly</b>
	<u>Premium</u>	Admin Fee	<u>Premium</u>
Employee Only			
BCBS PPO	\$283.02	\$5.66	\$288.68
QualChoice POS	\$267.69	\$5.35	\$273.04
Health Advantage POS	\$264.06	\$5.28	\$269.34
Health Advantage HMO	\$256.20	\$5.12	\$261.32
QualChoice HMO	\$252.99	\$5.06	\$258.05
Employee & Spouse			
BCBS PPO	\$746.60	\$14.93	\$761.53
QualChoice POS	\$703.75	\$14.08	\$717.83
Health Advantage POS	\$693.68	\$13.87	\$707.55
Health Advantage HMO	\$671.76	\$13.44	\$685.20
QualChoice HMO	\$662.78	\$13.26	\$676.04
Employee & Child(ren)			
BCBS PPO	\$490.87	\$9.82	\$500.69
QualChoice POS	\$463.25	\$9.27	\$472.52
Health Advantage POS	\$456.72	\$9.13	\$465.85
Health Advantage HMO	\$442.60	\$8.85	\$451.45
QualChoice HMO	\$436.78	\$8.74	\$445.52
Employee & Family			
BCBS PPO	\$754.82	\$15.10	\$769.92
QualChoice POS	\$711.84	\$14.24	\$726.08
Health Advantage POS	\$701.72	\$14.03	\$715.75
Health Advantage HMO	\$679.74	\$13.59	\$693.33
QualChoice HMO	\$670.72	\$13.41	\$684.13

#### How do I enroll?

The Public School Employees Enrollment Form (#6000-F-1B) is used by new employees, employees wanting to change health plans, or for mid-year enrollments allowed under Cafeteria plan rules.

These instructions will assist you in completing the Public School Employees Enrollment Form enclosed in this booklet. When the form is completed, please submit to your district School Business Official for processing. The instructions are organized to correspond with the numbered sections of the form.

PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete, illegible or otherwise unclear forms will be returned to you for correction and could possibly cause a delay in processing your enrollment.

- 1. **Employee Information:** Please provide the demographic information requested.
  - If you do not wish to enroll in the health benefits, please complete section one (except Primary Care Physician information) and check the box in the heading beside the words "I decline coverage for myself."
  - If you have an email address, we would like to have it in order to communicate benefit information to you electronically.
  - Primary Care Physician (PCP) information is only required for members of the HMO or POS plans. Do not list a PCP if you are enrolling in the PPO plan. (The health plans no longer require a separate OB/GYN selection).
- 2. **Dependent Coverage Information:** Please provide complete information for each dependent you wish to enroll on your health plan.
  - If you are married and/or have other dependents but do not wish to enroll them on this health plan, please indicate by checking box beside the words, "I decline coverage for my dependents" in the header of section two.
  - Notice that the first dependent section is for SPOUSE information and subsequent blanks are for other dependents.
  - If dependent(s) is/are age 19 or over, they must be a full-time student to continue on the insurance. Please indicate whether they are a full time student and provide documentation to the Employee Benefits Division.
  - If applicable, please submit court orders for guardianship, court ordered insurance coverage or adoption papers for dependents enrolled under your plan.
  - You may write over the gray words indicating where FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, (Middle Initial) and SEX are to be written.
  - If you have more dependents than space allows, please attach an additional sheet containing the required information.
- 3. **I Wish To Enroll In The Following Plan:** Indicate the plan in which you want to enroll and at what level of coverage.
  - Please check only ONE box in the HMO, POS or PPO section to indicate your plan selection. You and your dependents must be on the same plan.
  - But also check the level of coverage you desire (Employee Only, Employee & Spouse, etc.) on the last horizontal box of section three.
- 4. **Other Medical Insurance:** In order to aid coordination of benefits with other health plans you carry, please provide complete information in this section.
- 5. **To Be Completed By School District:** Please return this completed form to your school district School Business Official for processing.
- 6. **Please Read Before Signing:** Read entire section then sign and date the form on the lines provided. We suggest you make a copy of this enrollment form for your records. Additional copies of this form may be printed from our website, <a href="www.accessarkansas.ar.us/dfa/ebd">www.accessarkansas.ar.us/dfa/ebd</a>, by clicking on the Benefits Library link.



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#### Public School Employees Enrollment Form



	1. Employee Information: (please print)											
	ast Name			First Name			MI	Sex		Married Single		
	Home Address			City			State Zip Code					
	ocial Security #: Date of Birth:			Home #:			Work #:					
	If you would like benefit information	u would like benefit information sent to you by				y email, please print your email address:						
	Primary Care Physician:			PCP# Cu			urrent patient?					
	□ Primary Care Physician lines are appl	icable for H	HMO and PO	S enrollees on	ly, not PPO.	l						
	2. Dependent Coverage Information:   ☐ I decline coverage for my dependents											
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	Social Security #:			Date of Birth:				'				
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	□Primary Care Physician:			PCP#		Current patient?						
,	* Please submit guardianship, court-ordered insurance responsibility or adoption papers on dependents that apply.  **To be completed for dependents 19 and over only. Please submit proof of student status.											
	3. I Wish To Enroll In The Following Plan:											
	H.M.O			P.O.S	P.O.S.			P.P.O				
	☐ Health Advantage ☐ ☐ QualChoice/QCA ☐			Health A	<ul><li>Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield</li></ul>							
				Spouse		yee & C				☐ Family		

4. Other Medical Insurance	ce:										
1) Will you or any of your family members be continuing any other health insurance? ☐ Yes ☐ No 2) If Yes, what type of coverage? ☐ Medical ☐ Medicare, HIC #											
If Medicare: Part A Effective Date / / or Part B Eff Date / /											
If Medicare: Reason for Coverage: ☐ Over age 65 ☐ Disabled ☐ Kidney Disease											
Please make sure EBD and your carrier has a copy of your Medicare card.  If you answered Yes to the question above, complete below: (Use additional paper if necessary)											
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Covered Person's Name	Coverage	Type (single/family)	Effectiv	ve Date	Policy Holder's Employer						
Name/Address/Phone/Policy #	of Health Ir	os Co :									
Name/Address/Phone/Policy # of Health Ins Co.:											
5. To Be Completed By School District:											
School District #: Name of School District:											
Employee #:	Hire Date: Effective [			Date of Coverage:							
If employee is transferring from another agency/district, please provide name:											
School Business Official Signature:											
Print Name:											
6. Please Read Before Signing:											
I understand and agree that: (1) The information provided on this application is accurate and complete. (2) Any omissions or incorrect statements made by myself or anyone on this application may invalidate my and/or my dependents' coverage. (3) Coverage will become effective only on the date specified by the Insurer after the Insurer has approved the application and after the first full premium has been paid. (4) My signature authorizes Coordination of Benefits under this coverage with other insurance I have that is subject to coordination. (5) I hereby authorize deductions from my earnings of any required insurance contribution. (6) By signing this enrollment form, I hereby certify that all the information provided is true and correct.											
AUTHORIZATION TO OBTAIN MEDICAL INFORMATION: On behalf of myself and anyone enrolled on or added to this application, I authorize any health care professional or entity to give the health plan/insurer and the employer or any of their designees, any and all records or information pertaining to medical history or services rendered, to the health plan/insurer for any administrative purpose, including evaluation of an application or a claim, and for any analytical or research purpose, including evaluation of an application or a claim. I also authorize on behalf of the health plan/insurer, the use of a Social Security Number for purpose of identification. A photocopy of this authorization will be as valid as the original.											
Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.											
I understand that if I refuse to apply now and I apply for coverage at a later date, my request may be deferred until open enrollment.											
Emplovee's Signature:					Date:						

## Change Form Instructions

The Change Form (#6000-f-2) is used to make a change OTHER THAN changing to a different health plan or different carrier. The Change Form should be completed and submitted to district School Business Officials for the following reasons:

- to add or delete dependents from health insurance plan during open enrollment or during the plan year according to Cafeteria plan (IRS Section 125) rules which may allow a change in coverage status, i.e. Employee Only, Employee & Spouse, etc.
- to indicate the reason for making a change such as birth of a child, marriage, etc.
- to change employee's mailing address or name

If the intent is to change health plans or health carriers, please use the Enrollment Form (#6000-f-1b). Another form, the Termination, Transfer and Retirement (#6000-f-3) form is to be used to indicate termination, transfer to another district or retirement of an employee.

PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete, illegible or otherwise unclear forms will be returned for correction and could possibly cause a delay in processing the change.

The following instructions outline the process for completing the Change Form on the following page. The instructions are organized to correspond with the numbered sections of the form. Only use the Change Form for the purpose of making the changes indicated by the bullet points above.

- 1. **Employee Information:** Please provide the demographic information requested.
  - If not previously provided, please print your email address if you would like benefit updates and information mailed to you as the need arises.
  - Primary Care Physician (PCP) information is only required for members of the HMO or POS plans. Do not list a PCP if you are enrolled in the PPO plan.
- 2. Change in Dependent Status: If you want to add or delete a dependent from the plan, please provide complete information for each dependent.
  - Write over the gray words indicating where FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, Middle Initial (MI) and SEX are to be written.
  - Please provide Social Security Number of the dependent, date of birth and whether the intent is to ADD or DELETE them from the policy.
  - If dependents are being DELETED from the policy, it is not necessary to indicate Primary Care Physician (PCP), PCP# or Student Status. If you are ADDING a dependent, please complete all of those blanks.
  - If dependent(s) is/are age 19 or over, they must be a full-time student at an accredited institution to continue on the insurance. Please indicate whether they are a full time student and provide documentation to your chosen health insurance 35

- carrier. We have created a Student Status Form (#6000-f-3) for this purpose available on our website, <a href="www.accessarkansas.org/dfa/ebd">www.accessarkansas.org/dfa/ebd</a> by clicking on the Benefits Library link.
- If applicable, please submit court orders for guardianship, court ordered insurance coverage or adoption papers for dependents being adding to the policy.
- Please attach additional sheets if it is necessary to add more dependents than space allows. You may either attach another copy of the same form or otherwise provide the information requested.
- 3. **Change in Coverage:** Please complete this section if you want to make any of the changes indicated in the list in that section. NOTE: We would appreciate you indicating which health plan you are enrolled in currently even if you are not making a change indicated by the boxes. Remember, this form is not to be used to CHANGE PLANS or CARRIERS. Taking the time to indicate your current plan will provide us a double check of your plan enrollment.
- 4. **To be completed by Agency or School District:** Employees please do not complete this section. Your "SBO" or School Business Official will complete this section and forward to the Employee Benefits Division (EBD) for processing. Please do not send this form to EBD directly.
- 5. **Employee Signature:** Sign and date the form on the lines provided. We suggest you make a copy of this form for your records. Additional copies of this form may be printed from our website, <a href="www.accessarkansas.ar.us/dfa/ebd">www.accessarkansas.ar.us/dfa/ebd</a>, by clicking on the Benefits Library link.



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# Change Form Status, Name and Address





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Please attach Marriage Licens	e; Maiden Name if applica	ble					
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# But I have a question!

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

#### **ACTIVE EMPLOYEES**

# If I'm an active employee not currently participating in the Health Insurance Program, may I enroll now?

Yes. If you want health insurance coverage this year, you must enroll during this enrollment period. Unless you or your dependents qualify under the following federal laws, you cannot enroll during the remainder of the school year:

- You or your eligible dependents have lost other health insurance coverage through no action of your own.
- You have acquired a new eligible dependent through marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption.

NOTE: Voluntary termination from another plan does not qualify you to enroll in this plan.

## Do I have to complete a new enrollment form this year?

Not if you want to remain in your current health insurance plan.

#### What if I want to change my health insurance plan?

Submit your completed enrollment form to your school district's business office. Your district should provide you with the forms as well as the due date, which will be sometime in August. New referrals must be obtained when changing from one insurance carrier to another.

# If I change to a new plan during enrollment, will I be subject to pre-existing condition limitations?

No. Effective October 1, 2003, none of the plan options available through the Public School Health Insurance plan have a pre-existing condition clause. Therefore, it is not necessary to show proof of prior health insurance coverage upon application or change.

#### Are the network providers in my current plan remaining the same?

There are frequent changes in every network; therefore, please check the provider directories or – for the latest network information – call the plans or visit their web sites.

#### Do I have to select the same PCP for my entire family?

No. Each member of your family may select a different primary care physician (PCP). In the past, QualChoice required their female members over the age of sixteen (16) to select two (2) PCP's: one for physical health and one for gynecological care. That is no longer required. Female plan members under Health Advantage or QualChoice plans can seek gynecological care without a referral if the provider is in that company's network.

#### May I change my PCP at any time?

Yes, but because each plan has its own guidelines, you should contact the POS or HMO plan in which you are enrolled

#### What is the difference between a "Pure HMO" and the POS plans offered?

A pure HMO offers no out-of-network benefits except in cases of dire emergency or special insurance company pre-authorized out-of-network referrals. An HMO requires a member to obtain a referral from their Primary Care Physician. If referrals are not obtained from the Primary Care Physician the claim will be denied. POS plans offer an HMO benefit when an insured stays in network with a PCP referral, but also offers reduced benefits when the insured seeks specialty services without a referral.

The POS benefit is generally designed for people that want the flexibility to access health care both in-network (with PCP referral) and out-of-network without obtaining a referral from the Primary Care Physician. The POS benefit allows you to go out-of-network, just remember that 60% of maximum allowable payment is not 60% of billed charges. The POS benefit can be used for members who reside out of state also, because you can use providers that are not in the network. The HMO is not designed for members who live out of state, as there are no benefits outside the network. Most networks are only statewide. There are a few exceptions to that rule if you reside in a border city such as Texarkana, West Memphis, etc. Please contact your specific HMO carrier to determine if networks are available to you in the border cities.

#### What is a PPO and how does a PPO differ from an HMO and POS?

A PPO is an Indemnity Plan. In a PPO Plan, a member has a separate deductible and a separate coinsurance for both in and out of network services. If the member stays in the statewide PPO network is likely that the plan will pay a higher reimbursement than if the member accesses care outside the PPO network.

## Are my child's immunizations covered?

State mandated immunizations are a covered benefit for children up to age 18. Some adult immunizations are a covered benefit. Contact your insurance plan if you have questions about immunizations.

#### How can my children who are in college in-state access my POS or HMO Plan?

Routine non-emergency medical services are paid according to "in" and "out-of-network" rules. A network provider located in the college town qualifies as "in-network," just like a hometown in-network physician. We recommend your child select a PCP in their college town. Emergency services, regardless of the provider used, are paid "in-network". Charges incurred at a school infirmary are not covered.

#### How can my children who are in college <u>out-of-state</u> access my POS or HMO Plan?

Routine healthcare benefits for college students out-of-state will be limited or non-existent and the HMO would be the least favored plan for out-of-state college students. Health care benefits are available in the POS plan, just remember that the POS benefit reimburses at 60% of maximum allowable amount rather than 60% of billed charges after deductible is met. Therefore, for a college student out of state, this plan does provide some limited benefits. Call your health insurance carrier to inquire if a guest membership is available for out of state students. The PPO plan is the best plan to have for out-of-state college students.

# If my PCP pulls out of the network that I am enrolled in after the enrollment period, may I change plans?

Plan changes mid-year are rarely allowed. Only in cases of documented lack of access to providers will a mid-year enrollment be permitted. For example, in the event that a county loses all of its network providers in a particular plan, a "special" re-enrollment would permit all plan participants in that county to select another plan. The decision to allow a special enrollment comes from the Employee Benefits Division (EBD).

#### LIFE INSURANCE

#### How do I enroll in the Supplemental Life program offered by USAble Life?

New employees will have 30 days from their hire date to enroll in the Supplemental Life program without evidence of insurability. You may apply for Supplemental Life even if you are not enrolled in the Health Plan. If you are currently insured by the Public School Employee group health plan, but have not elected Supplemental Life, you may make application by providing evidence of insurability. If you are not enrolled in the Public School Employee group health plan and wish to enroll in the Supplemental Life Plan you may make application by providing evidence of insurability. Please contact your district office to obtain a Supplemental Life application.

# For how much Supplemental Life may I apply?

The Supplemental Life is bracketed by salary. Your district office can advise you on the amount you may carry.

#### **COBRA PARTICIPANTS**

## May I change plans if I go on COBRA?

COBRA participants are eligible to change plans at "open enrollment." You cannot change plans in mid-year.

#### Are the same benefits offered to COBRA participants as to active employees?

COBRA participants have the same pharmacy and medical benefits as active and retired employees. Life insurance is not available to COBRA participants through this health plan. Contact USAble Life for conversion options.

#### FOR RETIREES - OR THOSE THINKING ABOUT RETIREMENT

(Please note: The Employee Benefits Division (EBD) has produced an "Enrollment Guide for Public School Retirees" in addition to this one for active employees. You may obtain a copy from EBD.)

## May I change my insurance plan if I retire after August 31, 2003?

Plan changes can be made only at "open enrollment" unless you have a life changing event that qualifies you for a "special enrollment" (such as marriage, divorce, death of spouse, etc.).

#### What if I select COBRA rather than the retirement plan?

If you select COBRA you must stay on COBRA your entire eligibility period to qualify for insurance through the Retirement Program. <u>COBRA participants lose the life insurance benefit.</u> This benefit will not be reinstated when you go to the retirement group. Your COBRA carrier will bill you monthly. If your COBRA benefits are terminated for non -payment or late-payment, you will not be eligible for insurance through the retirement program.

#### How will my retirement premiums be billed?

Your premium will be automatically deducted from your retirement check every month. If your retirement check does not cover the premium cost, you will receive a monthly billing from your insurance carrier showing the amount due each month and the due date.

#### What if I have Medicare?

As a retired insured, you are eligible to continue your public school medical insurance after Medicare begins. When Medicare commences, it will become your primary coverage and claims will be filed with Medicare first. Please check with the health plan you select to determine how it coordinates with Medicare. Also, please remember that Medicare coverage is very limited. Most of your prescription drugs will be covered by your state prescription drug program.

#### Retirees eligible for Medicare must have both Part A and Part B.

Please refer to the premium rate pages for Medicare Eligible and Non-Medicare Eligible Retirees for further cost.

# Complaint and Appeal Process

#### **HMO and POS Process**

Authority of Employee Benefits Division

Employee Benefits Division (EBD) shall have authority and full discretion to decide all questions arising in connection with coverage under the Plan, including interpretation of Plan language, and findings of fact with regard to any such questions.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

Complaint. An expression of dissatisfaction either oral or written.

Appeal. A request to change a previous decision made by the Claims Administrator. Appeal as used in this Attachment A does not include appeals regarding termination of coverage. Appeals for termination of coverage are subject to the appeals procedure set out in Section 4.2.3 of the Summary Plan Description.

#### HOW TO SUBMIT A COMPLAINT OR APPEAL

Complaints or Appeals may be submitted in writing to your chosen Claims Administrator.

For Health Advantage: Health Advantage

P. O. Box 8069

Little Rock, Arkansas 72203. Attention: Appeals Coordinator

For QualChoice of Arkansas: QualChoice of Arkansas

10825 Financial Centre Parkway, Suite 400

Little Rock, Arkansas 72211 Attention: Appeals Coordinator

Members will not suffer any sanctions or penalties resulting from submitting a Complaint or Appeal.

#### **ORAL COMPLAINTS**

A Member having a Complaint regarding any aspect of the Claims Administrator may contact a Customer Service Representative specific to the chosen Claims Administrator. For Health Advantage, 800-843-1329; for QualChoice of Arkansas 800-235-7111. The Customer Service Representative will assist in resolving the matter informally. If the Member is not satisfied with the resolution, a written Complaint may be submitted. A Member is not required to make an oral Complaint prior to submitting a written Complaint.

#### WRITTEN COMPLAINTS

The Claims Administrators will acknowledge receipt of a written Complaint within seven (7) working days. A thorough investigation of the Complaint will be made and the Member will be mailed a response with resolution. If the Claims Administrator is unable to resolve the written Complaint within thirty (30) working days due to circumstances beyond its control, the member will be provided notice of the reason for the delay before the 30th working day.

#### HOW TO FILE AN APPEAL

An appeal must be submitted in writing to the chosen Claims Administrator at the previously documented addresses and must identify a specific action or determination of the Claims Administrator for which the Member seeks an appeal. The Claims Administrator will acknowledge receipt of the appeal within seven (7) working days.

The appeal must be made within 180 days from the date of the notice of the Claims Administrator's determination that the Member is appealing. At any stage of the appeal, the Member may designate, by signed written notice to the Claims Administrator, a representative to assist in making the appeal. Any such designation shall constitute authorization for the Claims Administrator to release any information or records regarding the appeal or the Member to the designated representative.

# First Level Review

A person or persons not involved in the initial determination will review the appeal. The Claims Administrator may request additional information from the member in order to review the appeal. The Claims Administrator will respond in writing within 30 days after receipt of all pertinent information. If the Claims Administrator is unable to resolve the appeal within 30 working days, the Member will be notified of the delay on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> working day. The time frame for resolving the appeal shall not exceed 45 working days. If the outcome is adverse to the Member, he/she may appeal to the second level.

## Second Level Review

#### Health Advantage

If a member is not satisfied with the determination received on the first level of appeal, the member may appeal to a Second Level Review Committee. The appeal must be received within 60 days of the notification of denial by the First Level Review. A committee established by Health Advantage shall conduct the second level of review within 30 working days after receipt of the Member's appeal to the second level. The committee shall consist of persons who were not involved in the initial determination or First Level Review; although such person(s) may appear before or communicate with the committee. The committee will meet and make a determination of the Member's appeal. The Member has the right to appear in person, attend via teleconference, or be represented by a person of his/her choice.

#### QualChoice

If a member is not satisfied with the determination received on the first level of appeal, a second level appeal may be made in writing to QualChoice. A review of the second level appeal will be conducted within 30 working days after the receipt of the Member's appeal to the second level. The appeal will be reviewed by one of the plan's Physician Advisors who was not involved in the initial determination or the First Level of appeal; although such person(s) may be communicated with during the review process.

#### Final Level Review

If the outcome of the Second Level Review is adverse to the member, he/she may appeal to the plan Administrator. Such appeal should be mailed to: Employee Benefits Division, Attention Appeals, State of Arkansas, Department of Finance and Administration, P.O.Box 15610, Little Rock, AR 72231-5610. The decision of the Plan Administrator will be made within 30 days of receipt of the written appeal and is final and binding on the Plan and the Member.

# **Expedited Appeal**

An expedited appeal may be requested related to a claim involving urgent or ongoing care. The request may be made by telephone followed by written confirmation or in writing. If a member or someone designated by the Member and acting on behalf of the member requests an expedited appeal the Claims Administrator's Appeals Coordinator will notify the Member or the Member's authorized representative and the member's treating health care professional of the determination of the expedited appeal in accordance with the medical needs of the case and as soon as possible, but in no case later that 72 hours after the Appeals Coordinator receives the expedited appeal.

## **Authorized Representative**

A Member may have one representative and only one representative at a time to assist in submitting a claim or appealing an unfavorable claim determination. An authorized representative shall have the authority to represent the Member in all matters concerning the Members' claim or appeal of a claim determination. If a Member has an Authorized Representative, references to "Member", "Your" or "You" in the plan SPD refer to the Authorized Representative.

# <u>Designation of Authorized Representative</u>

One of the following persons may act as a Member's Authorized Representative:

- 1. An individual designated by the Member in writing. (The Claims Administrator may require this designation be documented on the Claims Administrator's approved form);
- The treating provider, if the claim is a claim involving urgent care, or if the Member has
  designated the provider in writing. (The Claims Administrator may require this designation
  be documented on the company's approved form);
- 3. A person holding the Member's durable power of attorney;
- 4. If the Member is incapacitated due to illness or injury, a person appointed as guardian to have care and custody of the Member by a court of competent jurisdiction; or
- 5. If the Member is a minor, the Member's parent or legal guardian, unless the Company is notified that the Member's claim involves health care services where the authorization of the member 's parent or legal guardian is or was not required by law and the Member shall represent himself or herself with respect to the claim.

#### Term of the Authorized Representative

The authority of an Authorized Representative shall continue for the period specified in the member's appointment of the Authorized Representative or until the member is legally competent to represent himself or herself and notifies the Company in writing that the Authorized Representative is no longer required.

#### Communication with Authorized Representative

- If the Authorized Representative represents the Member because the Authorized Representative is the Member's parent, legal guardian or attorney-in-fact under a durable power of attorney, the Company/Carrier shall send all correspondence, notices and benefit determinations in connection with the Member's claim to the Authorized Representative.
- 2. If the Authorized Representative represents the Member in connection with the submission of a pre-service claim, including a claim involving urgent care, or in connection with an appeal, the Company/Carrier shall send all correspondence, notices and benefit determinations in connection with the Member's claim to the Authorized Representative.
- 3. If the Authorized Representative represents the Member in connection with the submission of a post-service claim, the Company/Carrier will send all correspondence, notices, and benefit determinations in connection with the Member's claim to the Member, but the Company/Carrier will provide copies of such correspondence to the Authorized Representative upon request.
- 4. The Member understands that it will take the Company/Carrier at least thirty (30) days to notify its personnel about the termination of the Member's Authorized Representative and it is possible that the Company/Carrier may communicate information about the Member to the Authorized Representative during this 30-day period.

#### **PPO Process**

How To Appeal A Claim.

- 1. If a claim for benefits is denied either in whole or in part, you will receive a notice explaining the reason or reasons for the denial. You may request a review of a denial of benefits for any claim or portion of a claim by sending a written request to the Appeals Coordinator of Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, A Mutual Insurance Company, P.O. Box 2181, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-2181. Your request must be made within sixty (60) days after you have been notified of the denial of benefits.
- 2. In preparing your request for review, you or your duly authorized representative will have the right to examine documents pertinent to your claim. However, medical information can be released to you only upon the written authorization of your Physician. You or your representative may submit, with your request for review, any additional information relevant to your claim and may also submit issues and comments in writing. A complete review will then be made of all information relating to your claim. You will receive a final decision in writing within sixty (60) days after the receipt of your review request, except where special circumstances require extensive review. A final decision will be sent to you after no longer than one hundred twenty (120) days.
- 3. Subsequent to the determination of the Appeals Coordinator, you can appeal to the Plan Administrator, EBD, Post Office Box 15610, Little Rock, AR 72231.
- The Plan Administrator acting on behalf of the Plan shall have authority and full discretion to determine all questions arising in connection with your benefits, including but not limited to eligibility, interpretation of Plan language, and findings of fact with regard to any such questions shall be conclusive and binding on the Plan and you subject to the grievance and appeals procedures as outlined in the plan SPD.

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